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THE first day of school is a nerve-wracking rite of passage for every child and their parents but last week it was also a big day for the staff and governors too.

Banstead Prep School opened its doors for its first-ever day of term in Sutton Lane on Wednesday, September 6.

In a launch ceremony, the Mayor of Banstead, Councillor Roger Newstead, cut a ribbon to officially open the school and the Banstead Prep flag was raised for the first time. Pupils also planted four trees to symbolise the growing together of the three predecessor schools into the new Banstead Prep School and every child and member of staff was presented with a founders badge.

Four trees were planted to symbolise Banstead Prep's three predecessor schools

Pupils and staff have enjoyed a series of "Get to Know You" events during the first week, including a treasure hunt to help find their way around the new school, concluding with the first full school photograph.

Talking to the pupils and their families, Miss Vicky Ellis, Headteacher said: "Coming to a new school can be nerve-wracking as well as exciting but we're all in the same boat here as we're all new. So we're all going on this adventure together, starting today.

"Everyone starting here today will be a trail-blazer for the future of this school. In 100 years' time, people will look back and ask to see photos of everyone who was here on Banstead Prep's first day. They will talk about the traditions, habits and ethos of the school; how we do things, what's important, how we learn. And what they will see will all have started in what everyone here does today, tomorrow and throughout their time here.

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Young Reporter scheme returns to give pupils the chance to make the news

Ten years of inspiring new generation of journalists

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The Young Reporter scheme launches again this month for the tenth year running, offering budding writers the opportunity to publish their own news stories on our online papers.

Designed to encourage students to think independently and explore their local community, whilst building up their confidence as young writers, this scheme stretches them beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

Jenny Greenland, Careers Manager at Carshalton High School for Girls, who has been involved for many years, said: "This is a great opportunity for students to get a taste of being in the real world of work as a journalist by finding stories and meeting deadlines.

"The support provided is excellent."

In a highly competitive industry, where work experience for school students is minimal, the Young Reporter Scheme offers that gap in the market.

Judith Forshaw an English Teacher at Croydon High School, said: "We have been involved in this excellent scheme since 2009. Our students find researching good stores, adopting an appropriate tone and style, and meeting the tight deadlines, a challenge but also personally extremely rewarding."

The scheme is intense but worthwhile and enables students to see their articles published on our online papers, whilst building up a portfolio for use with their CVs and UCAS applications.

Diana Jarvis, who started the scheme in 2008, said: "I had no idea when I approached the editor, how successful it would be.

"Over the years, it has gone from strength to strength and students who started the scheme with me nine years ago have gone on to become professional journalists.

"Schools worry that there will be a lot of extra work but that is not the case.

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Every year, more and more students sign up to join this exciting and unique scheme. Those that are not considering a career in the media, still benefit as it is a good discipline and great experience.

Today universities are looking for more than just good grades; they want to see that students have pushed themselves out of their comfort zones and explored different avenues open to them, and this scheme fits that criteria.

Schools that would like to take part in the scheme this coming year should contact Diana Jarvis at djarvis @london.newsquest.co.uk

Freya and Imogen who were both on the scheme

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School applies for permission to build teaching block on site originally meant for pool

Proposed swimming pool dries up as school shifts its priorities

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STUDENTS looking forward to a new swimming pool at Kingswood House School might have to wait a little longer.

A planning application was submitted to build a new teaching block in the school, on the same spot the pool was meant to go.

Permission was granted five years ago to build the swimming pool enclosure, but the school has since changed its mind.

The choice came after the school decided to axe nursery and reception classes and add senior students.

The cover letter submitted as part of the application said: "The school has re-assessed its position in the education market and have decided to remove the nursery and reception classes with senior boys between the ages of 14 to 16.

"Parents have found it difficult to find places for their sons to attend a single sex private school locally in Surrey.

"This is mainly due to both Epsom College and St John's School in Leatherhead becoming co-education in the past five to ten years."

The letter said that the overall number of pupils at the school would not increase, rather the school required more classrooms and different teaching areas.

The existing art classroom is currently being converted into a senior science laboratory so a new classroom is required," the letter said.

The main hall of the Landlands Building is now being looked at as the new location for the swimming pool.

Students at Kingswood House School

Living history

DISCOVER if you could have proven your innocence in "ancient" England Times and if the medieval kings and queens were really "all that" with this Epsom workshop.

Bourne Hall Museum home education group hosted a crime, disorder and punishment session on September 12 for residents to learn about early laws and England's clergy followed by a "Medieval majesty" event on October 7.

Storm damage

Trees have been knocked over and power cut as Storm Aileen battered London overnight on Tuesday. The first named storm of the year brought gusts of up to 75mph with commuters seeing rush hour chaos thanks to the Aileen's aftermath.

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Shopping centre opens public vote for the best retail service

THE Ashley Centre has brought back the Retailer Awards scheme to celebrate its retailers and ensure they are giving shoppers the very best service possible.

The public are being asked to decide who they think deserve recognition for going that extra mile or being the best in their field.

Shoppers are being asked to fill out the nomination form available from the centre and selecting the retailer they believe deserves to win an award.

Those putting in a nomination form will be entered into a free prize draw for a chance to win a £100 voucher from their favourite store within The Ashley Centre.

The public can also vote online by visiting facebook.com/theashleycentre to complete the survey.

The closing date for nominations will be Sunday, September 24, and the winner of the prize draw will be announced on Tuesday, October 3.

The retailer winners will be announced at the Awards Evening on Saturday, October 14.

Surrey topples London from top of priciest pints table

Surrey has overtaken London to become to most expensive place in the UK to go for a pint.

According to the Good Pub Guide 2018, released last week, punters in the county can expect to part with a whopping £4.40 on average for beer, compared with £4.20 in London and £3.60 across Britain. This is the first time London has been anything but top of the list.

The cheapest beer in Britain can be found in Herefordshire and Yorkshire, with pints costing just £3.31 on average.

The county has overtaking the capital in terms of cost of a pint

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Pioneering sight loss charity 'thrilled' to be on shortlist for a national award

ONE of the UK's oldest sight loss charities, based in Epsom, could secure a share of £1.5million if it wins a national award.

SeeAbility is a finalist in The Creator Award, which is run by collaborative workspace company WeWork.

The charity has more than 200 years of experience pioneering new approaches to supporting people with complex disabilities.

There are 37 finalists across the UK, who will go to London on September 14 to pitch for a share of the money.

The charity is on the shortlist for The Scale Award, which recognises businesses with a record of success and are, according to WeWork, "ready for the next level".

Director of fundraising, Hannah Du Gray: "We are thrilled to be shortlisted for the Scale Award at the WeWork London Creator Awards for our project to improve eye care for people with learning disabilities. This recognition is testament to SeeAbility's creativity and passion for creating a better life for people with disabilities.

"Winning the award would enable us to raise awareness and make sure people with learning disabilities get the right support to look after their eyes in communities across the country."

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Firefighters spend hours damping down straw

Fire crews battle blazing hay bales

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NEARLY 300 bales of straw and hay caught fire at a club in Woodcote Park over the weekend.

Surrey Fire and Rescue were called just after 6.30pm on Saturday, September 9, to reports of a fire at an outside storage area at the Royal Automobile Club.

Crews from Epsom and Banstead attended as well as a water carrier from Leatherhead. Firefighters were at the scene for several hours.

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Dr Who fans can meet actors, writers and producers at Epsom Playhouse

Two Doctors and leather-clad assistant in the house

Colin Baker, the sixth Doctor

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A one-day celebration for Doctor Who fans and their companions is coming to the Playhouse in Epsom.

Who's at the Playhouse on October 1 is bringing a veritable who's Who, with 15 former stars, writers, designers and producers giving interviews, autographs, photo sessions, props displays and more.

There will be two Doctors in the house: Peter Davison and Colin Baker – the fifth and sixth Doctor respectively.

Louise Jameson, who played Leela, the leather-clad companion to the fourth Doctor, will also be there.

The event coincides with the 40th anniversary of K9's first appearance on the show in 1977, and K9's creator and scriptwriter Bob Baker, designer Tony Harding, producer of the upcoming film K9: TimeQuake Paul Tams and visual effects designer Mat Irvine will be there, along with the original K9 itself.

Voice of the iconic robotic dog, John Leeson, will be giving a talk entitled A Dog's Life at 7.30pm, followed by a Q and A session.

Mr Leeson's meandering career also included stints as a hospital porter, a (failed) encyclopaedia salesman, a radio and TV continuity voice, a Mastermind question-setter, a wine writer, a magistrate, a playwright and a political candidate.

Seven other actors who appeared in the show will also be there: Michael Keating, Prentis Hancock, Nigel Paskitt, Rosalind Lloyd, Paul Lavers, Eric Danot and Jemma Churchill.

For more information and to buy tickets visit epsomplayhouse.co.uk or call 01372 742555 from your police box.

Leyla Palser with Master Chan Sau, the GB Poomsae under 14 coach.

Schoolgirl takes gold

AN Epsom schoolgirl has celebrated winning not one but two gold medals at an international martial arts competition.

Blenheim High School pupil Leyla Palser took a double gold at the Taekwondo Scotland Championships, held in Motherwell on September 2 and 3.

The 12-year-old, of Chapel Way, won in the Poomsae and fighting -55kg categories, beating the reigning champion from Jordan.

This weekend (September 16 and 17), Leyla will be in Manchester for the British National Championships.

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Muslims unite for fire victims

MUSLIMS in Sutton and Epsom have come together to raise money for victims of June's Grenfell Tower fire.

The Sutton Central Masjid was inspired to help generate funds when members heard about the tragedy in the news.

A spokesman said: "As soon as we saw the images of people out on the street we thought that we must do something.

"We asked all the people that come here to pray to donate. We didn't expect to raise so much."

Members also approached two other mosques – the Muslim Cultural and Welfare Association of Sutton and the Epsom and Ewell Islamic Society to support the fundraiser.

A cheque will be presented to Mayor of Sutton Jean Crossby, MP for Carshalton and Wallington Tom Brake and Cllr Trish Fivey on October 4 at the Sutton Central Masjid.

Cllr Fivey said: "We did a peace march with the mosque on July 1. It was there I found out about the fundraiser.

"They are really friendly and community based. A lot of effort has been committed between the three Islamic centres to collect the sum of over £3,000. It is very generous."

School hopes to make extensive improvements for sport

Sports site plan waits for council's decision

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A school in Chessington is planning on replacing facilities at its sports site to provide a "wide range of improvements and enhancements".

Shrewsbury House School, based in Ditton Road in Surbiton, hopes to replace existing dilapidated buildings with a clubhouse and changing rooms as the current facilities are "no longer fit for purpose".

The potential new clubhouse would have a viewing terrace of the sports pitches.

The school's sports site is located in Almhouse Lane, 3km from the school.

If Kingston Council accepts the application, plans include a hockey pitch replacing a 3G sports pitch, an erection of a new maintenance building and construction of a new car parking area.

The parking area would be comprised of 61 spaces with two disabled bays as well as spots for six minibuses.

Sketch of Shrewsbury House School proposals

Vehicle access to the field is currently restricted with larger vehicles struggling to get to the pitch via a narrow residential street.

A new site access route would be introduced if plans are given the green light.

A planning application proposal statement read: "Overall, the masterplan will provide a high quality landscape exploiting opportunities to enhance biodiversity and retain the character of the Green Belt whilst affording year round interest for users of the sports ground."

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The girls presenting the treats to Monica, The Children's Trust's Roald Dahl nurse

Cakes to reward nurse

CHILDREN being treated for intensive brain rehabilitation injuries have paid tribute to their Roald Dahl nurse to celebrate Roald Dahl Day.

Four girls who were staying at The Children's Trust in Tadworth thanked their nurse by baking cakes on Wednesday, September 13.

Roald Dahl nurses are healthcare professionals funded by the Roald Dahl Marvellous Charity to support seriously ill children and disabled children and their families across the UK.

Monica Philpot, the current Roald Dahl nurse, said: "I have worked at The Children's Trust for 27 years and am proud to be the Roald Dahl nurse at the charity. We are here to help support the children and families that we care for.

"Whether we are a professional, a friend or family we can look at the gaps we might be able to fill. We can read more information to increase our understanding and make that difference. I love my job and really appreciate the lovely treats the children have made so we can celebrate Roald Dahl day."

Mandie Geddes, from the occupational therapy team at the charity, commented: "The work Monica does with the children and families at The Children's Trust is invaluable and we couldn't think of anything better than chocolate and sweet treats to thank her.

"The girls involved in the baking session had so much fun and it was a great therapy session encouraging them to practice their communication skills, team work and bi-manual skills."

Future of health provision in Epsom open for discussion at public meeting

Health trust seeks views on specialist acute care centre

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Epsom General Hospital.

Epsom and Ewell Council will hold an open public meeting later this month to discuss Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust.

Residents are encouraged to attend the event at Bourne Hall on September 18 to have a say in the future of the hospitals and services provided between 2020 and 2030.

Daniel Elkeles, chief executive of Epsom & St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust, will deliver a presentation called Providing High-quality Healthcare Services 2020 to 2030. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about the proposed strategy.

The purpose is to create transparency for a 2020-2030 engagement campaign, an idea created to gather public opinion on the possibleopening of an additional facility for acutely sick patients.

Chief executive Daniel Elkeles said last month: "We want local people to have their say about the long term future of our hospitals and local healthcare, and get involved in our engagement campaign.

"We're throwing open our doors so that members of the public can find out more about our thoughts on the future and see why we need to begin planning now.

"We want to find out what people think about us securing £300 to £400 million to create a specialist acute facility for our sickest patients. Doing so would mean that our acute clinical staff are concentrated in one place, enabling us to meet and exceed more care standards, fill rotas more effectively and provide care in buildings which we believe local people and our staff deserve. It will mean that our sickest and most at-risk patients will be seen by our most experienced staff quickly, no matter what day of the week or time of the day.

"Importantly, this would enable us to keep the majority of services local and 85 per cent of our patients will see no change to where they receive their care, although they would be seen in improved facilities. So please – come along to one of our events and help us plan and prepare healthcare services for future generations."

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Care home staff face 67-mile cycle challenge

Sunrise of Banstead members are taking on the gruelling ride

CARE home staff in Banstead are saddling up on a gruelling 67-mile bike ride to help people who have suffered from "a catastrophic event in their lives".

Levi Mold and Dan McCann, who work at Sunrise in Croydon Lane, will join a dozen other cyclists from Sunrise and Gracewell homes to pedal around the Isle of Wight on Saturday, September 16, for a special cause.

They are aiming to raise £3,000 or more for The Sunrise Good Samaritan Fund, which was created to help team members of Sunrise UK and Gracewell Healthcare and its affiliates who are suffering severe financial hardship resulting from a catastrophic event in their lives.

To sponsor them, go to justgiving.com/crowdfunding/good-samaritan-fund-iow-2017.

Pensioner suffers broken finger when pushed to the ground

Woman, 84, injured in 'a shocking robbery'

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An 84-year-old woman was robbed in Worcester Park, suffering a broken finger and a suspected broken bone in her back.

She was walking through a tunnel under the railway lines into Lynwood Road on Thursday, September 7, between 1.30pm and 2pm when an unknown man pushed her to the ground and stole her handbag.

Inside the handbag was her red purse.

Police are looking for a man described as white, 5ft10 to 6ft tall, slim with short dark hair.

He was wearing a maroon coloured tee-shirt and a baseball cap at the time.

Epsom and Ewell Safer Neighbourhood Inspector Jackie Elkins said: "This was a shocking robbery of an elderly lady in the middle of the day that led her to suffering a broken finger and suspected broken bone in her back.

"We understand that this may cause concern in the area, however I would like to reassure residents that we are treating this seriously."

The alleyway leading to the tunnel

Anyone with information is asked to call 101 or visit report.police.uk and quote reference 45170098611. Surrey Police is also issuing safety advice following the incident.

Inspector Elkins said: "If you do regularly walk alone, please be aware of your own personal safety and avoid using short cuts, keep to well-lit busy streets and consider carrying a personal attack alarm. More advice can be found on our website at surrey.police.uk/keeping-safe."

Club coach 'proud' of unbeaten boxers

TWO boxers from an Epsom club won their fights on Saturday, September 9, at Epsom Downs Racecourse.

Mike Burrows and Joey Knight, from Gauntlett Boxing Club, continued their unbeaten run of wins in front of the army of fans.

First in the ring was Burrows, who fought the experienced Tyler Thomas and won with a unanimous decision.

Next in the ring was Knight, who also won by unanimous decision against a tough opponent in Seb Hallett.

Coach Chris Gauntlett said: "There was a huge amount of boxing talent in the ring on Saturday night and I'm proud to say that both my boxers shone brightly, proving they can compete at top level.

"They were absolutely amazing. I'm so proud of them both."

How does everyday school uniforms compare with the one Prince George wears to school

This is a really silly article. The clothes are not expensive, especially when you think that a rucksack lasts the whole of the school life, and is therefore only a one off. Indeed, some of them are cheaper than M & S. Children need clothes anyway. I note they do not even stipulate brand of shoe, just that they should be black and polishable. Haven't your reporters anything better to write about?

SUSAN BRIGHTON ROCK

Poor little mite. At least there's a food bank down the road if the parents find they're struggling with the school fees.

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Viewpoint

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New hospital? Yes, but where?

Wouldn't you like a new hospital? This is the question we are being asked by Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust. "We have some of the most committed staff in the NHS and they have to work (and care for patients) in probably the worst acute hospital buildings in London."

Who could look at the state of the buildings without saying "Yes please" to long-delayed investment of £300-400 million, one of the biggest NHS investment projects in the next decade? The trust has issued a campaigning "involvement document" which they are carefully not calling "consultation". They urge us to say "whether" we need a new hospital but not "where"?

What do we need?

The populations of Epsom and Ewell are growing and ageing. At some times we may need treatment in specialist hospitals further away but we can reasonably expect 95 per cent of our health needs to be met properly, locally and in 21st century facilities. Although there are advances in tele-medicine and care at home, child birth and second tier rehabilitation treatment should also be accessible to us, to visits from our relatives and local to our home communities.

Whether we live on the borders of Sutton, Kingston, Ashtead or Banstead, Residents of Epsom & Ewell want to live no further than 30 minutes away from an ambulance reaching us and getting us to appropriate emergency treatment.

Successive generations of politicians and managers have delayed decisions so that the buildings are no longer "fit for purpose" in the ways being described in the press and in that document. 2,596 new houses in the past ten years exceed the government's targets of 1,810 but we don't see the necessary investment in the essential infrastructure in communications, education and healthcare. We do not believe that the best interests of our residents are being protected by the trust, by the Keep Our St Helier Hospital campaign, nor the cross-party group. Since the merger of the two hospitals, maintenance has been neglected, Epsom has been allowed to seriously deteriorate. Assets and services have been transferred to St Helier.

Where do we need it?

Living outside London but inside the M25, we know transport and accessibility are key difficulties for many residents. The trust has said it can invest in addressing these problems but has so far failed to do so. Its document only mentions transport once: "Patients needing these [emergency surgery and trauma] services who come to Epsom A&E are transferred, generally by ambulance, to St Helier."

Communications around the edge of London are complex and often slow and difficult. For example, for some of us, St Georges Tooting or St Thomas's Lambeth are quicker to reach than St Helier. For others of our borough's residents, St Helier is more accessible than Epsom Hospital. Epsom should continue and be further developed and updated as a centre of excellence in a number of areas including A&E, maternity and orthopaedics. It has excellent connections as a transport hub for bus and rail services and has three nearby M25 junctions. Already central to the catchment of 500,000 residents and with large new housing projects and Crossrail 2 on the horizon, the Epsom site is well placed to serve the needs of the local community, north east Surrey and parts of south London. The trust is responsible for services being moved from Epsom to St Helier.

Plans to sell land and assets from Epsom towards £80m to repair St Helier, were kept secret "How did you get that document?". The cross-party action group sometimes appears to favour delay and opposition rather than supporting positive proposals. Successive governments must be part of the problem, explaining in part why the hospital buildings we rely on are in such poor condition. In many ways the NHS is now self-determining leaving politicians free of responsibility.

We now feel the need to speak out impartially, addressing residents' concerns. Without our diligence and energy, odds appear stacked in favour of facilities deteriorating further, of St Helier surviving and Epsom being sacrificed.

Brian Angus Chair Ewell Village RA; Andrew Ballard Chair Epsom Town RA; Jenny Coleman, Chair Association of Ewell Downs Residents; Nigel Collin, College Ward RA; Bess Harding, Fund raiser for Epsom Medical Equipment Fund; Lisa & Richard Harris, Colin Keane Chair Nonsuch RA, Joseph Lambert Chair Stamford Ward RA, Rozz Langendoen, Linda Lau Secretary Nonsuch RA former NHS nurse for 30 years, Chris Long, Chair College Ward RA; Bob Mackison, Clarice Pell Committee Member West Ewell & Ruxley RA, Glynis Peterkin Chair Ashtead RA; Hugh Ricketts Chair Standing Committee of RAs, Ruth Sharma Secretary College Ward RA; Gill Smitheram Chair West Ewell & Ruxley RA; Sir Adrian E White CBE, DL, C.Sci. D.Univ.

Paws for thought on the plight of dead pets

EDITOR'S VIEW

I'm not a cat lover, I'm more of a dog man.

That's not to say I hold any ill will towards cats, I just don't particularly warm to them.

Maybe it's their aloof manner (though I realise some people find this trait endearing), maybe it's the number of garden birds they kill or maybe it's just the fact they poo in my garden.

However, even unperturbed by cats as I am, I was surprised to hear that if a dead cat is discovered it is simply collected up with other rubbish and dumped in landfill. Even if it is microchipped by a caring owner there is nothing to compel a council to inform anyone it has been found and disposed of.

In fact, despite the new laws on microchipping dogs, I am reliably informed exactly the same fate awaits your beloved pooch, if it is unlucky enough to be killed on the road.

Mandy Lowe, from Cats Matter, says she is determined to fight this 'massive injustice' faced by what she claims is Britain's most popular pet.

Her stats tell her 635 cats are treated by UK vets every day as a result of road traffic accidents, but claims the figure is at least double this as most go unreported.

As there is no mandatory requirement for a council to scan a dead cat and notify the owner she says the bodies go straight to landfill along with all the other general rubbish and are left to rot among the garbage. Many times, whilst this is going go, the owner is frantically searching for their lost pet.

Mandy organised a petition, which gained 50,000 signatures, but whenever anyone signed up it automatically triggered a letter to the relevant council. This, she says, has led to 20 councils changing their policy so they now voluntarily scan dead cats and inform the owners.

However, despite its success, she chose to discontinue this petition because councils were receiving too many emailed letters from residents. Unfortunately she admits she was not able to monitor the letters and some councils, who were already scanning cats, also received hundreds of complaints.

Mandy has now launched a new petition.

She has a list of the 20 councils which voluntary scan dead pets and inform their owners. I'll ask for the list to be published online with this column – it doesn't include your local council.

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Elderly residents enjoy encounter with visiting farm animals

Care home inspired by day of animal magic

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RESIDENTS at a care home in Epsom had the chance to get up close with all creatures great and small when they were visited by a host of farmyard animals.

The Care UK team at Appleby House on Longmead Road invited local farm, Miller's Ark, to lead a "show and tell" workshop with residents.

Animals, including miniature donkeys, goats, sheep, and a number of feathered friends, were among those that residents could meet. As part of the session, Miller's Ark provided interesting facts on each of the individual animals, and residents were also able to handle and stroke the friendly creatures.

Home manager, Shona Bradbury, said: "We are always looking to plan interesting and exciting activities for residents, and as so many have a keen interest in nature and wildlife, we invited Millers Ark along to provide a fun animal therapy session.

"It proved to be a real success, and you could see from residents' reactions just how engaged and fascinated they were by the chance to get so close to such a varied collection of animals. Not only did the workshop fit really well with our activity based care approach here at Appleby House, it was also fantastic to see the smiles on everyone's faces, and we believe it provided real therapeutic benefits for residents – especially those living with dementia."

An Epsom care home received a visit from some furry and feathered friends

Wildlife charity throws down challenge for sharp thinkers

A maths whizz is required to help a wildlife rescue charity estimate how many hedgehogs it has added to Surrey's population.

The Wildlife Aid Foundation rescues an average of 200 young hedgehogs a year and looks after them through winter.

They are released in spring, at about six months old, after making their way through 15,000 cans of dog food.

Foundation founder Simon Cowell is asking for maths experts to estimate how many hedgehogs this year's 200 will go on to create through future generations.

Hedgehogs are sexually mature at 12 months.

They breed twice a year and have an average brood of six young, from which four survive.

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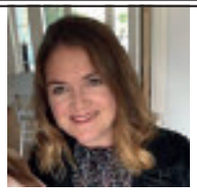

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You can rely on Si Cranstoun to move your feet. Inspired by the vintage soul of Jackie Wilson and Sam Cooke, this charismatic British bandleader has graduated from an apprenticeship busking on the streets of London to the head of the vintage R&B scene.

An evening of Neil Young with Steve Logan's Geronimo will also be at the Boom Boom Club on Saturday.

More details at feenstra.co.uk.

Strictly Murder will be staged at the Rose Theatre from September 28-30 and stars former Coronation Street actor, Brian Capron. Here, he talks about his career...

ROLE IS RIGHT UP MY STREET

Brian Capron

If as an actor you are lucky enough to get reasonably regular employment after perhaps having failed to get that fab agent or part, which might have led to greater heights within this totally illogical profession, the soap factor can save, help or sometimes destroy your career.

Often an actor may go into a soap for two or three years and emerge slightly more secure financially but just go back pretty much as before.

Occasionally it's a stepping-stone to a fabulous career, such as Katherine Kelly and Suranne Jones. Sometimes it can be a weight around your neck.

For me, after some initial disappointments, it led to what you might call a 'leg-up' for which I am forever grateful. I immediately went into three series of Where The Heart Is playing a religiously austere Victorian factory owner, Ozias Harding and loved it.

After three years whilst doing a little theatre job, The Rocky Horror Show, I was shocked to hear that the series was being pulled despite good ratings.

I thought I had a job for life, what on earth was I going to do? The producers of Rocky asked me if I would like to continue the tour and take the show into the West End.

This was my first sojourn into musical theatre, I was thrilled. It took me into a completely new area. Musicals followed, Nathan Detroit in Guys and Dolls, Hook in the Broadway version of Peter Pan etc. and panto, which I had never thought I was right for. In short, a whole new career opened up for me because a TV show was pulled.

My first love is theatre and I of course am lucky enough to tour plays around the UK. Up until now I have avoided thrillers mainly because of the character I played in Corrie.

When Sam, the director of Strictly Murder asked if I would be interested in playing Ross I wasn't keen until I read this really clever thriller written by his dad, Brian Clemens.

I was impressed by Sam's enthusiasm and his ideas for the project. He is a very talented young man who has done a great job directing this production with such an eye for detail, adding layers of suspense which has the audience on the edge of their seats right to its brilliant dénouement.

All in all, soap gave my career a real breath of life so that I could experience the full range of what's possible. Whether it's been a one man show Gogol in the Brighton Festival or playing opposite Lesley Sharp at the National Theatre, to musicals, panto, and even keeping my hand in TV with shows like Midsommer Murders, Silk and New Tricks, to say nothing of being sent on assignments to Borneo and New Zealand, and even appearing on reality TV, disastrous Strictly Come Dancing, but finalist on Masterchef.

All that I owe to a character called Richard Hillman in Coronation Street.

ABOUT STRICTLY MURDER...

Provence. April 1939. English couple, Peter and Suzy, are living in idyllic isolation; far, it seems from the rumblings of the oncoming war. Their peace is suddenly shattered by a stranger from Peter's past who unearths secrets from a buried and hidden life, which throws Suzy's world into turmoil.

In a world where the Third Reich is emerging as a dangerous regime, deceit, lies and subterfuge make this fast paced thriller a dark and nail-biting rollercoaster. Strictly Murder stars Brian Capron, Corrinne Wicks (Doctors, Emmerdale) and Gary Turner (Emmerdale).

Strictly Murder will be at Rose Theatre Kingston from September 28-30. For more details visit rosetheatrekingston.org.

FILMCHOICE

VICTORIA & ABDUL (PG): Twenty years after Dame Judi Dench beautifully captured the aching loneliness of Queen Victoria in Mrs Brown, the diminutive national treasure slips back into regal garb for Stephen Frears' heart-warming comedy drama torn from a long-lost page in history.

Set during the final five years of Victoria's turbulent reign, the picture touches upon some of the same themes as Dame Judi's earlier portrayal, albeit with more humour. The year is 1887 and Queen Victoria (Dame Judi) is comfortably installed as Empress of India, although she has never visited the domain. In Agra, two lowly men - Abdul Karim (Ali Fazal) and Mohammed (Adeel Akhtar) - are chosen by British authorities to present the monarch with a ceremonial gold coin called a mohur. They travel to Windsor Castle, where Abdul catches Victoria's eye and is rapidly promoted to the monarch's spiritual adviser or "Munshi".

THE JUNGLE BUNCH (U): A maniacal koala bear with delusions of grandeur threatens the safety of creatures great and small in The Jungle Bunch.

Based on a hit French TV series, director David Alaux's jaunty computer-animated adventure follows in the paw prints of a menagerie of brightly coloured tales populated by anthropomorphised critters including Zootropolis, Sing, The Secret Life Of Pets and Kung Fu Panda. Could this be animal magic too? Sadly not. A simplistic screenplay, co-written by Alaux and Eric Tosti, is light on uproarious comedy and pulse-quickening set pieces, repeatedly opting for wide-eyed cuteness over narrative sophistication and invention. Parents who are dragged into the jungle by excitable tykes will be enjoying big cat naps in the dark rather than purring with delight.

IT (15): Director Andres Muschietti's nerve-jangling adaptation of Stephen King's hefty tome portrays the fictional town of Derry, Maine as a hotbed of exploitation, abuse and degradation committed by adults on the young. Menace leaches from every frame and the three screenwriters make our skin crawl by exposing the festering underbelly of a community that has stopped listening or caring. In June 1989, seven tormented pre-teens bond as the Losers' Club, drawn together by mutual beatings at the hands of sadistic 15-year-old Henry Bowers (Nicholas Hamilton). The stuttering leader of the Losers' Club, Bill Denbrough (Jaeden Lieberher), is haunted by the loss of his younger brother Georgie (Jackson Robert Scott), who was dragged into the subterranean lair of Pennywise the clown (Bill Skarsgard) the previous autumn. Bill vows revenge in the company of his fellow misfits but Pennywise intends to feast upon children's fears.

Roll up for all the fun of the fair from hell.

WIND RIVER (15): Justice is blind and frost-bitten in Wind River, an impeccably crafted thriller set in snow-laden Wyoming, where the murder of a teenager sends a chill through a community riven by bigotry and fear. Taylor Sheridan, Oscar-nominated screenwriter of Hell Or High Water and Sicario, returns to the director's chair for a high-stakes game of cat and mouse in unforgiving terrain. Cory Lambert (Jeremy Renner) works as a tracker for the US Fish and Wildlife Service on the Wind River Indian Reservation. During one sortie into the wilderness, Cory stumbles upon the frozen body of 18-year-old Natalie Hanson (Kelsey Chow). She has been sexually assaulted and rookie FBI agent Jane Banner (Elizabeth Olsen) arrives soon after from the Las Vegas office to take charge of the investigation.

PATTI CAKE$ (15): Inspired by writer-director Geremy Jasper's efforts to break into the New York music scene, Patti Cake$ is a crowd-pleasing underdog story, which wears its heart on its sleeve.

This modern-day fable about shooting for the moon, when everyone is telling you to dream smaller, centres on an unlikely heroine, an overweight New Jersey twenty-something (Danielle Macdonald) with a talent for immortalising her day-to-day existence in rap. Every time life beats her down (and in one scene, head butts her and draws blood), she gets back to her feet and retaliates with a spontaneously crafted barrage of weaponised wordplay.

Hopefulness bumps and grinds with emotional hard knocks, reminding us that darkness courses beneath the surface of the best fairy-tales.

THE LIMEHOUSE GOLEM (15): Juan Carlos Medina's macabre murder mystery set on the fog-choked streets of Victorian London almost a decade before Jack The Ripper ran amok was originally announced with Alan Rickman leading the fine ensemble cast. In his stead, Bill Nighy brings solemnity and gravitas to the complex role of a righteous police officer, whose career has been dogged by rumours that "he's not the marrying kind". A series of slayings in the back alleys of 1880s east London, attributed to an elusive figure nicknamed The Golem, baffles Scotland Yard. Inspector John Kildare (Nighy) is hurriedly promoted to lead investigator, primarily to take the fall when police fail to apprehend a suspect. Period detail is lovingly shrouded in shadows and fog to provide the killer with the perfect cover to commit their unspeakable acts of barbarity. Something wickedly entertaining this way comes.

Dame Judi Dench as Queen Victoria and Ali Fazal as Abdul Karim. PA Photo/Focus Features/ Peter Mountain.

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If you follow our 10 top tips, you should be able to invite tradespeople into your home without living to regret it.

1. A personal recommendation is always preferable to a written reference. If you want a new loft extension and one of your neighbours has had a similar extension built, and to their satisfaction, that is the best possible start. A friendly neighbour might be so proud of their loft extension that they will show you around their home to let you take a closer inspection of the work.

2. It is just common sense to get three different estimates/quotes for all but the most basic building or plumbing works. The estimates should be for a job which you have specified in detail, not in vague or ambiguous terms. But you should not necessarily choose the lowest estimate, particularly if you entertain doubts about the competence of the company. And if none of the estimates inspire you with confidence, be prepared to widen your search. Always trust your instincts.

3. Make sure that estimates are submitted in writing from bona fide companies with a proper business address. Some cowboys like to hide their traces, whereas reputable tradespeople are open and above board.

4. In the case of large-scale building work, you should put a premium on experience when choosing your contractor. A company that has been trading for 15 years trumps an enthusiastic newcomer. You should also double-check that they have the relevant safety qualifications to install gas and electricity etc.

5. Depending on the complexity of the building work you want done, you need to satisfy yourself that the company you are employing has done work on homes similar to yours. For instance, if relevant, do they have experience with period properties, listed buildings or working in a Conservation Area? Find out before you give them the go ahead.

6. This is not a hard-and-fast rule, but local tradespeople are generally preferable to ones who live miles away. If building companies are having to factor in travel time, it may inflate their estimates.

7. Be very wary of tradespeople offering a discount if you pay in cash. They may take short-cuts with guarantees and insurance clauses.

8. It is critical, particularly with large-scale building works, that the contract you sign with your builders includes not just a full description of the work, but a start and finish date. Unforeseen delays can lead to particularly acrimonious disputes. Penalty clauses for late completion of the job are sometimes advisable, but may be difficult or expensive to enforce. It is also worth agreeing in writing that the property will be left in mint condition, and that you will not be expected to clear up after the builders.

9. Contractual clarity about how payments for the work should be staged is also essential. You may be asked to pay a deposit, but you should never, for obvious reasons, make final payment until the job has been completed. Hold some of the money back until the work is carried out to your satisfaction. It is worth going around your home with the tradesperson, snagging the job and agreeing the areas that need improving. Then put this in writing on an email.

10. The best way to avoid sleepless nights is to insure yourself against things going wrong. You should not only check your own insurance policy before starting major building works, but ask for proof that the company you are using has its own insurance against unforeseen problems in the course of the work.

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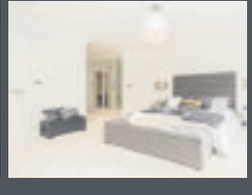

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17/00735/FLH	33 West Hill, Epsom, Surrey Erection of two storey side extension and part single/part two storey rear extension
17/00740/ADV	Ask Restaurant, 41 - 53 High Street, Epsom 1 set of externally illuminated fascia text - to replace existing. 1 externally illuminated projection sign - to replace existing
17/00762/FLH	Dame Annis House, 1 Fyfield Close, Epsom Front infill extension, new link passage and alterations.
17/00807/FLH	4 Persfield Mews, Epsom Road, Ewell Conversion of roof space & garage into habitable rooms and erection of single storey rear extension
17/00811/FLH	2 Ewell Downs Road, Ewell, Surrey Erection of part single/part two storey rear extension, single storey side/rear extension and alterations to front porch and rear patio
17/00617/FLH	High Trees, 14 Ewell House Grove, Ewell Proposed single and two storey rear extension, conversion of garage to habitable room and side porch
17/00638/REM	Beatrice Cottage, 77 Bracken Path, Epsom Application to vary condition 3 of planning permission ref: 16/00915/FLH which granted consent for 2 new front dormer windows, conversion of garage into habitable accommodation and alterations to the front and rear elevations. Permission is sought to make changes to the design of the dormer windows and their materials and changes to the ground floor windows in the front and rear elevation.

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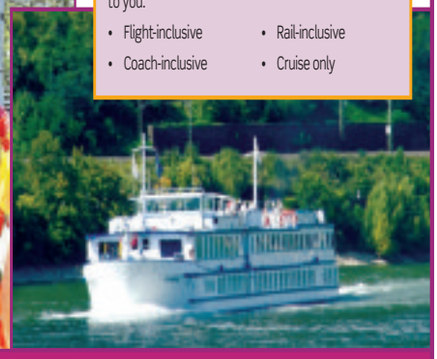

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PEUGEOT 308

Peugeot's latest 308 looks to have come of age, now boasting a complete range of PureTech petrol and BlueHDi diesel engines. Jonathan Crouch reports.

BACKGROUND: What do you look for in an Astra-sized family hatchback? If it's driving excitement, you'll find it in a Ford Focus. If it's sheer value, then you're more likely to be drawn towards cars like Hyundai's i30 or Kia's cee'd. But what if your priorities are a bit more relaxed? You want an expensive feel. An absorbent ride. A laid back demeanour. And a car that makes you feel you're in something much nicer. Perhaps, just perhaps, you want one of these, the revised version of Peugeot's second generation 308.

Yes, we're looking at a package of facelift improvements here, but there are some genuinely significant ones, with changes to engines, transmissions and overall running cost efficiency. As before, the car runs on the PSA Group's hi-tech EMP2 ('Efficient Modular Platform 2'), underpinnings that now support a smarter, classier body. The result promises to be a car that family hatch buyers must now take very seriously indeed. Let's check it out.

EXPERIENCE: It's nice to report that the changes made to this 308 are more than skin-deep. There's an all-new 1.5-litre BlueHDi 130 desel engine for example. And if you're able to stretch up to the 2.0-litre BlueHDi 180 diesel powerplant at the top of the range, you'll now find it mated to an all-new 8-speed automatic transmission. The brand says that its 1.2-litre three cylinder PureTech petrol engine has been extensively revised too, in pursuit of extra efficiency. Otherwise, it's as you were. Most will want the 1.6-litre BlueHDi unit, which comes in either 100 or 120bhp guises. There's also a 2.0-litre BlueHDi engine, offered with either 150 or 180bhp. For petrol people, the engine line-up opens with an 82bhp, 1.2-litre three-cylinder PureTech unit, then there's a choice of either 110 or 130bhp versions of this same engine further up the range. Across the line-up, transmissions are fairly standard fare, with five and six-speed manuals or a six-speed torque-converter automatic. If you want something sparkier, there's a choice of the warmed-up GT model or the full-fat GTi hot hatch. The GT variant gets the older petrol 1.6-litre THP unit in 205bhp guise or the 2.0 BlueHDi 180 diesel unit. Go for the GTi and there's a 270bhp version of the 1.6 THP petrol powerplant. Dynamically, the 308 has never really been a car for the hard charger. Instead, it's a family hatchback that's more about refinement and a relaxed gait. The suspension carries no great surprises, with a standard front strut and rear torsion beam arrangement. Peugeot has fitted rear trailing arms that allow greater longitudinal arc in the wheel travel. It sounds esoteric but it makes for a smoother ride when the rear wheels hit ridges or bumps. The electrically-assisted power steering is geared towards ease of use rather than detailed feedback but perhaps that's just as well. It makes the 308 very comfortable around town in the sort of usage it will mostly see.

DESIGN: This revised 308 features a sleeker bonnet that flows into a vertical grille that has a central Lion badge and the 'Peugeot' name sculpted into the upper trim. The revised elliptical headlights come with integrated daytime running light LEDs to produce a distinctive front light signature. Other design-led changes include a re-styled front bumper with three lower grille openings to ensure effective engine cooling, while the rear lamps show a smart three-claw light signature. Plusher variants all feature a large glass roof as standard. Otherwise, things are much as before, this car exhibiting a mature, confident look. It's not trying too hard. We like that.

The interior retains the 'i-Cockpit' design that sees the driver looking the instruments over the top of the steering wheel. As before, there's also a 9.7-inch centre dash colour monitor incorporating 'Mirror Screen' technology which allows you to connect in your smartphone using the 'Android Auto'/'MirrorLink' or 'Apple CarPlay' systems. There's aso a faster-acting navigation system with voice control that connects into the TomTom real time traffic monitoring service. Other features are as before. The contra-rotating rev counter is a neat touch, the oversized manual gear knob less so. Space all round is more than adequate and the 470-litre boot is excellent. If you need more space, there's a 308 SW estate variant with a 660-litre boot extendable to 1,660-litres with the rear bench folded.

MARKET: Prices range in the £15,000 to £27,000 bracket and there's a choice between Access, Sportium, Active, Allure, GT Line and GT trim levels, plus a GTi hot hatch model. The two bodystyles are a five-door hatch and a spacious SW estate. Engine options range between a choice of two different 1.6-litre BlueHDi diesels, offering either 100 or 120bhp, plus there's a 2.0-litre BlueHDi unit with either 150 or 180bhp. Petrol people choose between 82, 110 or 130bhp versions of the 1.2-litre PureTech powerplant, or a turbo 1.6 THP with either 205, 250 or 270bhp. Even the most basic models include air conditioning, remote central door locking, cruise control with speed limiter, a DAB digital radio, LED daylight running lights and Bluetooth connectivity. However, if you go for base Access trim, you don't get the infotainment touchscreen that's such a key part of his 308's much improved cabin. The minimum trim requirement for this is the 'Active' level, which starts at around £18,000.

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Rovers lose Vase thriller at Canterbury

Sutton Common Rovers crashed out of the FA Vase 4-3 at Canterbury City last weekend, **writes Gary Brigden**.

A Craig Bradshaw clearance inside the opening minute found Dave Pilcher, who fired the ball home.

SCR levelled on 34 minutes through Liam Holden — his 100th goal for the club.

Parity didn't last long, as SCR gave the ball away on 42 minutes and a couple of passes later Pilcher fired home his second for 2-1.

The scores were level under 30 seconds into the second half, when Holden scored again. Canterbury retook the lead on 71 minutes when Pilcher made it 3-2 from the penalty spot after Bradshaw had brough down an opponent. In the aftermath, the SCR keeper saw red for throwing the ball at the forward.

With just under 15 minutes remaining SCR levelled through Daryl Cooper-Smith but deep into stoppage time Connor Saunders headed home to give the hosts the win.

Peter Adeniyi. of Carshalton Athletic Photo: Ian Gerrard

Robins aim for shock

CARSHALTON Athletic still remain unbeaten so far this season but their sternest test is yet to come, writes James Barrett-Sterling.

Goals from Mickel Miller and Raheem Sterling-Parker were enough to defeat Faversham Town last Saturday and the Robins' current league record of four wins and a draw puts them top of the Bostik South.

But now, after squeaking past Walton and Horsham on penalties in the last round, attention switches to the FA Cup and a trip to National South outfit Eastbourne Borough. It is a tie that will no doubt test player/manager Peter Adeniyi and his troops to the fullest.

"Eastbourne are two levels above us so it'll be a good test of how far we've come this season, but we will just play our normal game and enjoy the occasion," Adeniyi said.

"It'll also be a nice day out for the club and fans because who doesn't love dreaming of causing an upset? We want to test ourselves against the best and I'm confident we can give a good account of ourselves."

These days both clubs ply their trade on 3G pitches - a fact exceedingly rare back when the 37-year old midfielder last visited Priory Lane.

"Last time I was there was about 10 years ago and they didn't have a 3G pitch then, but their surface won't make much difference to us for obvious reasons," smiled Adeniyi.

And, after revealing first-teamers Brendan Murphy-McVey and Michael Campbell both scored for the Under 23s on Monday evening, Adeniyi claims to have an almost fully-fit squad to be able to chose from ahead of this exciting cup clash.

"It's a dream situation to have so many players willing and able of course, but it also brings with it a different type of headache," he explained.

"I'm pleased with how the players have been doing and that's without being able to name a 'regular' eleven every week. So, no matter what the outcome of this cup game, that at least bodes well for the rest of our season."

Eastbourne Borough vs Carshalton Athletic, 3pm, Saturday, September 16.

SUTTON UNITED Depleted U's score last-gasp winner to top table again

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KENNY DAVIS capped another memorable evening for Sutton United by heading an injury-time goal to earn the U's a stunning 2-1 victory at Dagenham and Redbridge on Tuesday night.

United had gone a goal down in the 22nd minute when Corey Whitely fired past Jamie Butler but on the stroke of half-time a cushioned header from Davis bounced nicely for Craig Dundas to hook the ball into the net from close range for his 100th goal in Sutton colours.

The U's, who are still missing six key players through injury, battled hard during the second half in wet and windy conditions and their grit and determination was rewarded.

With time running out, Dan Spence drove forward and swung in an inviting cross which Davis headed into the corner of the net from eight yards to snatch the points which sent the U's back to the top of the Vanarama National League.

Having picked up a point at the weekend from a 1-1 draw with Gateshead in which Simon Walton scored for the U's from the penalty spot, United manager Paul Doswell was delighted with how his side stuck to their task to claim the victory.

Craig Dundas, pictured above in action for Sutton United during Saturday's 1-1 draw with Gateshead, netted his 100th goal for the U's at Dagenham. Inset: Tuesday's matchwinner Kenny Davis. Pictures: Paul Loughlin

"It was a magnificent team performance," said the Sutton chief. "But we weren't happy with our first-half performance.

"We weren't passing the ball enough. It was too long and uninspired but the goal just before the break changed our team-talk.

"I think we would have all hoped for a point here but the substitutions we made worked and Kenny [Davis] has shown what an asset he is. It was a great header from an excellent Dan Spence cross. He was also tremendous for us."

Doswell was full of praise for Dundas who reached a century of goals for the club.

"What can you say about the big man? Having played Saturday, I thought he might run out of steam today. But to score 100 goals for one club in this day and age is incredible. We should all be very proud of him."

Dundas himself was pleased to have finally reached the magical milestone: "It was always in my mind to try and get to 100 but the result is the main thing.

"I've missed a couple of easy ones lately, so I had to keep my eye on the ball but I am just happy it went in."

The league leaders make the short trip to Woking this Saturday (3pm).

Harriers in the medals at Surrey Championships

Photo: Daniel Roffey (silver), Philip Kastner (gold), Adam Coates (bronze)

Epsom & Ewell Harriers took home lots of medals from the Surrey Championships at a wet and windy David Weir Athletics Stadium, **writes Stuart Flack**.

Di Norman claimed gold in the over 35s pentathlon, although her score fell just short of her own masters world record set at the same event two years ago, and Katrina Fidler secured gold in the senior heptathlon.

One of the closest contests of the weekend was the u17 men's octathlon where the top 3 were separated by just 264 points. The result came down to the final event, the 1500m, and Daniel Roffey pulled away from his Harriers teammate in the final straight to grab the silver medal with Adam Coates the bronze.

In the other age groups, Epsom's top multi-eventers were Lauren Flack (8th u17 women), Ellie Taylor (6th u15 girls), Sophie Lomas (14th u13 girls), and Fin Jakeman (9th u13 boys).

There were more medals in the steeplechase with Morgan Morrison taking u20 gold and Issy Stockley taking u17 silver. In the relays, Epsom claimed 2 golds, 2 silvers and a bronze while in the 3km walk, Bill Arbury took silver in the over 40 competition and Oli Garrod took senior gold.

Guernsey have edge

Guernsey Raiders 25
Sutton & Epsom 17

Sutton and Epsom opened brightly containing the forward charges of the Raiders pack with solid defensive organisation. A box kick that was ably followed up forced a series of errors in the Guernsey ranks.

Eventually a Barnes Wallis pass found Jordan Turton hugging the touchline close to the corner flag.

The winger nimbly rounded the cover to improve the kicking angle to score. Sam Hurley obliged with the conversion as Sutton took an early 7-0 lead. As the home side tried to strike back Jamie See intercepted on the Sutton 22. After a weaving run, not only evading defenders but also seeking support, the ball was spun out wide. However, a marginal turnover 5 metres out rescued Guernsey.

Following a 17th-minute enforced substitution of the influential Steve Munford the Islanders began to gain ascendancy. Their forwards carried with great effect constantly offloading the ball to willing runners hitting gaps at pace. Having been forced back onto the defensive the visitors finally succumbed to a well executed catch and drive from a 5 metre line out. With the conversion missed the Black & Whites retained a narrow 7-5 lead. The remainder of the half was one way traffic as the Raiders forwards orchestrated by their sniping scrum half, Malcolm Barnes, broke the gain line far too easily. Two tries in as many minutes were a fair reflection of their dominance as they created a 17-7 lead. The second score being greatly assisted by the re-start kick going out on the full. No further additions were made to the scoreline as the sides retreated to the dressing rooms for the interval.

The Surrey side responded magnificently. Jamie See made a scything break that created a try for the ubiquitous Matt Whitaker. Sam Hurley added the extras. Another break from the Sutton stand off set up a promising position. With the referee indicating a penalty in the Guernsey 22 Jamie See kicked a drop goal bringing parity at 17 apiece.

Unfortunately for the Rugby Lane team history repeated itself as an impressive opening was followed by a rearguard action. The Green & White eight once more imposed their authority on the game using the catch and drive from the line out to devastating effect. From that method of attack they regained the lead, 22-17, with a try. Where the S&E defence appeared porous from 50 metres out it was formidable 5 metres from their goal line, this, however, is not a recipe for success.

A long-range effort from Sam Hurley was blown wide by the billowing wind. But this was soon followed by a much better opportunity from the 22 as the game entered its final phase. The left hand post was struck solidly deflecting the ball back into play. In the ensuing melee S&E won an attacking scrum via a knock on. The hosts defended resolutely and escaped from their half via an interception and a clearance kick.

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